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#### INTRODUCTION

This document provides summaries and current statuses of the bills introduced in the 116<sup>th</sup> Congress that address regulatory reform (i.e., bills that affect agency rulemaking and adjudication processes).

Entries are in reverse chronological order based on the date the bill was introduced into Congress, although House and Senate versions of the same bill are listed together based on the most recent introduction date. Links to relevant committee reports are also provided where available, and summaries frequently draw from the bill summaries provided by the Congressional Research Service, available on [Congress.gov](https://www.congress.gov).

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| H.R. 8788 – To amend title 5, United States Code, to exempt deregulatory rule from congressional review requirements, and for other purposes.<br><a href="#">Link</a> | Rep. Loudermilk, Barry [R-GA-11]   | <b>Date Introduced</b><br>November 19, 2020<br><br><b>Most Recent Action</b><br>Referred to the House Committee on Judiciary.           | To amend title 5, United States Code, to exempt deregulatory rule from congressional review requirements, and for other purposes.  |
| H.R. 8711 – Federal Workforce Accountability and Modernization Act<br><a href="#">Link</a>  | Rep. Keller, Fred [R-PA-12]        | <b>Date Introduced</b><br>October 30, 2020<br><br><b>Most Recent Action</b><br>Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Reform. | To amend title 5, United States Code, to codify Executive Order 13957 entitled "Executive Order on Creating Schedule F In The Excepted Service", and for other purposes. |
| H.R. 8687 – Saving the Civil Service Act<br><a href="#">Link</a>  | Rep. Connolly, Gerald E. [D-VA-11] | <b>Date Introduced</b><br>October 27, 2020<br><br><b>Most Recent Action</b><br>Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Reform. | To nullify the Executive Order entitled "Executive Order on Creating Schedule F In The Excepted Service".  |

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| S. 4862 – UNSHACKLE Act of 2020<br><a href="#">Link</a>                         | Sen. Lee, Mike [R-UT]         | <b>Date Introduced</b><br>October 26, 2020<br><br><b>Most Recent Action</b><br>Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.   | To amend the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 to impose limits on the completion of certain required actions under the Act. |
| H.R. 8554 – Federal Sunset Commission Act of 2020<br><a href="#">Link</a>       | Rep. Cloud, Michael [R-TX-27] | <b>Date Introduced</b><br>October 9, 2020<br><br><b>Most Recent Action</b><br>Referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned. | To establish the Federal Sunset Commission.  |
| H.R. 8481 – Appointments Clause Enforcement Act of 2020<br><a href="#">Link</a> | Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]    | <b>Date Introduced</b><br>October 1, 2020<br><br><b>Most Recent Action</b><br>Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Reform.   | To amend the provisions of title 5, United States Code, relating to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998.                        |

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| S. 4708 – Pandemic Preparedness, Response, and Recovery Act of 2020<br><a href="#">Link</a>                                | Sen. Lankford, James [R-OK] | <b>Date Introduced</b><br>September 24, 2020<br><br><b>Most Recent Action</b><br>Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. | To establish a commission to review certain regulatory obstacles to preparedness for, response to, and recovery from the Coronavirus SARS–CoV–2 pandemic and other pandemics, and for other purposes. |
| S. 4693 – Better Evaluation of Science and Technology Act or the BEST Act<br><a href="#">Link</a>                          | Sen. Lankford, James [R-OK] | <b>Date Introduced</b><br>September 24, 2020<br><br><b>Most Recent Action</b><br>Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. | This bill requires federal agencies to use the best available scientific information during rulemaking and publish specified documentation of the rulemaking process.                                 |
| S. 4691 – Safeguarding Awards for Victims and Enforcement Settlements Act of 2020<br><a href="#">Link</a>                  | Sen. Lankford, James [R-OK] | <b>Date Introduced</b><br>September 24, 2020<br><br><b>Most Recent Action</b><br>Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. | A bill to limit donations made pursuant to settlement agreements to which the United States is a party, and for other purposes.   |
| H.Con.Res. 116 – Expressing the sense of Congress with respect to the principles that should guide the national artificial | Rep. Hurd, Will [R-TX-23]   | <b>Date Introduced</b><br>September 16, 2020<br><br><b>Most Recent Action</b><br>Referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, and                        | This concurrent resolution sets forth considerations for Congress in guiding the national artificial intelligence strategy.   |

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| intelligence strategy of the United States.<br><a href="#">Link</a>                              |   | in addition to the Committees on Education and Labor, Oversight and Reform, Foreign Affairs, Energy and Commerce, and Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned. |   |
| H.R. 8235 – Open Courts Act of 2020<br><a href="#">Link</a>                                      | Rep. Johnson, Henry C. "Hank," Jr. [D-GA-4] | <b>Date Introduced</b><br>September 14, 2020<br><br><b>Most Recent Action</b><br>Committee Consideration and Markup Session Held.  | This bill requires the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts to establish a single electronic system for all public court records that is publicly accessible for free. Under the existing Public Access to Court Electronic Records (PACER) system, users are charged fees for accessing court documents. |
| S. 4565 – Federal Aviation Administration Accountability Enhancement Act<br><a href="#">Link</a> | Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS]                | <b>Date Introduced</b><br>September 10, 2020<br><br><b>Most Recent Action</b><br>Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.  | To amend title 49, United States Code, to rename the Aviation Safety Whistleblower Investigation Office and to establish an Office of Professional Responsibility and an Office of the Ombudsman in the Federal Aviation Administration, and for other purposes.  |

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| S.4537 - RECOVERY Act<br><a href="#">Link</a>                         | Sen. Cruz, Ted [R-TX]             | <b>Date Introduced</b><br>September 8, 2020<br><br><b>Most Recent Action</b><br>Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.   | Sec 206. REINS Act: The purpose of this section is to increase accountability for and transparency in the Federal regulatory process. Section 1 of article I of the United States Constitution grants all legislative powers to Congress. Over time, Congress has excessively delegated its constitutional charge while failing to conduct appropriate oversight and retain accountability for the content of the laws it passes. By requiring a vote in Congress, the REINS Act will result in more carefully drafted and detailed legislation, an improved regulatory process, and a legislative branch that is truly accountable to the American people for the laws imposed upon them. |
| H.R. 8174 – Carbon Pollution Transparency Act<br><a href="#">Link</a> | Rep. McEachin, A. Donald [D-VA-4] | <b>Date Introduced</b><br>September 4, 2020<br><br><b>Most Recent Action</b><br>Referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned. | This bill requires the heads of federal agencies, when making certain rulemaking or procurement decisions, to consider and document the cost of carbon dioxide, methane, and nitrous oxide emissions in accordance with a set of standardized amounts.   |

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| H.R. 8047 – DUAL IG Act<br><a href="#">Link</a>   | Rep. Keating,<br>William R. [D-<br>MA-9] | <b>Date Introduced</b><br>August 14, 2020<br><br><b>Most Recent Action</b><br>Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Reform.   | This bill prohibits a person serving as an acting inspector general from performing the functions and duties of another position within the government.  |
| H.R. 8038 – Pandemic Preparedness, Response, and Recovery Act of 2020<br><a href="#">Link</a> | Rep. Foxx,<br>Virginia [R-NC-<br>5]      | <b>Date Introduced</b><br>August 14, 2020<br><br><b>Most Recent Action</b><br>Referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned. | This bill establishes in the legislative branch the Pandemic Preparedness, Response, and Recovery Commission to make recommendations and propose legislation for modification, consolidation, harmonization, or repeal of regulations to reduce compliance costs, encourage growth and innovation, improve competitiveness, and protect public safety.                               |
| S. 4518 – Pandemic Federal Telework Act of 2020<br><a href="#">Link</a>                       | Sen. Van<br>Hollen, Chris<br>[D-MD]      | <b>Date Introduced</b><br>August 10, 2020<br><br><b>Most Recent Action</b><br>Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.  | This bill establishes several requirements for federal agencies with respect to telework.<br><br>Specifically, the bill requires each federal agency (executive, legislative, and judicial) to allow eligible employees to telework full-time during the public health emergency declared on January 31, 2020, relating to COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019). An employee is |

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|   |   |   | considered eligible if the employee has not received specified disciplinary action and is otherwise determined eligible by the agency.  |
| S. 4438; H.R. 7936 – Federal Employee Access to Information Act<br><a href="#">Link</a>       | Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]; Rep. <a href="#">Maloney, Carolyn B. [D-NY-12]</a> | <b>Date Introduced</b><br>August 5, 2020 (S); August 4, 2020 (H)<br><br><b>Most Recent Action</b><br>Senate: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs; House: Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.   | This bill prohibits personnel retaliation against federal employees and applicants for employment who file requests under the Freedom of Information Act or the Privacy Act or who seek related administrative or judicial actions.   |
| H.R. 7929 – Pandemic Preparedness, Response, and Recovery Act of 2020<br><a href="#">Link</a> | Rep. Foxx, Virginia [R-NC-5]  | <b>Date Introduced</b><br>August 4, 2020<br><br><b>Most Recent Action</b><br>Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Education and Labor, Financial Services, and Rules, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as | This bill establishes in the legislative branch the Pandemic Preparedness, Response, and Recovery Commission to make recommendations and propose legislation for modification, consolidation, harmonization, or repeal of regulations that may impede the response to, and recovery from, the effects of the COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) pandemic and future pandemics. |

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|   |   | fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.  |  |
| H.R. 7895 – Separation of Powers Restoration Act of 2020<br><a href="#">Link</a>  | Rep. Armstrong, Kelly [R-ND-At Large]                             | <b>Date Introduced</b><br>July 31, 2020<br><br><b>Most Recent Action</b><br>Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.   | This bill modifies the scope of judicial review of agency actions to authorize courts reviewing agency actions to decide de novo (i.e., without giving deference to the agency's interpretation) all relevant questions of law, including the interpretation of (1) constitutional and statutory provisions, and (2) rules made by agencies. |
| H.R. 7107; <a href="#">S. 3896</a> – Periodically Listing Updates to Management Act of 2020 or PLUM Act of 2020<br><a href="#">Link</a> | Rep. Maloney, Carolyn B. [D-NY-12]; Sen. Carper, Thomas R. [D-DE] | <b>Date Introduced</b><br>June 4, 2020 (H & S)<br><br><b>Most Recent Action</b><br>House: Committee on Oversight and Reform reported favorably (Amended) by Voice Vote; Senate: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs reported favorably (Amended). | This bill replaces the congressional publication entitled <i>United States Government Policy and Supporting Positions</i> , commonly known as the <i>PLUM Book</i> , with an online public directory.  |
| S. 3860 – Lessening Regulatory Costs and Establishing a Federal Regulatory Budget Act of 2020<br><a href="#">Link</a>                   | Sen. Loeffler, Kelly [R-GA]                                       | <b>Date Introduced</b><br>June 1, 2020<br><br><b>Most Recent Action</b>   | Provides for a method by which the economic costs of significant regulatory actions may be offset by the repeal of other regulatory actions.   |

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|   |  | Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.   |  |
| H.R. 5270; <a href="#">S. 3412</a> – Guidance Clarity Act of 2020<br><a href="#">Link</a> | Sen. Lankford, James [R-OK]; Rep. Luetkemeyer, Blaine [R-MO-3] | <b>Date Introduced</b><br>March 5, 2020 (S); November 26, 2019 (H)<br><br><b>Most Recent Action</b><br>House: Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Reform; Senate: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs ordered bill to be reported without amendment favorably. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 590. | This bill requires federal agencies to state on the first page of guidance documents that (1) such guidance does not have the force and effect of law, and (2) noncompliance by regulated parties with suggested behavior in such guidance does not conclusively establish a violation of applicable law. Excluded from this requirement is guidance directed to the issuing agency or other agency that is not intended to have a substantial effect on the behavior of regulated parties, as well as internal executive branch legal advice or opinions addressed to executive branch officials. |
| S. 3208 – Regulatory Accountability Act<br><a href="#">Link</a>                           | Sen. Portman, Rob (R-OH)                                       | <b>Date Introduced</b><br>January 16, 2020<br><br><b>Most Recent Action</b><br>Read twice and referred to the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.   | This bill expands and provides statutory authority for notice-and-comment rulemaking procedures to require federal agencies to consider (1) whether a rulemaking is required by statute or is within the discretion of the agency, (2) whether existing laws or rules could be amended or rescinded to address the problem, and (3) reasonable alternatives to a new rule.   |

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| H.R. 4363 – Commission on Americans Living Abroad Act of 2019<br><a href="#">Link</a>  | Rep. Maloney, Carolyn B. (D-NY-12) | <b>Date Introduced</b><br>September 17, 2019<br><br><b>Most Recent Action</b><br>Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.   | To establish a commission to study how Federal laws and policies affect United States citizens living in foreign countries.   |
| S. 2416 – Economic Mobility, Prosperity, and Opportunity with Waivers that Enable Reforms for States Act of 2019<br><a href="#">Link</a>                       | Sen. Ernst, Joni (R-IA)            | <b>Date Introduced</b><br>August 1, 2019<br><br><b>Most Recent Action</b><br>Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. | To provide States with the option of applying for and receiving temporary waivers for the States to experiment with new approaches that integrate Federal programs in order to provide more coordinated and holistic solutions to families in need, and for other purposes. |
| S. 2378 – Reducing Excessive Government Act of 2019<br><a href="#">Link</a>  | Sen. Gardner, Cory (R-CO)          | <b>Date Introduced</b><br>July 31, 2019<br><br><b>Most Recent Action</b><br>Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.  | To require reductions in the direct cost of Federal Regulations that are proportional to the amount of increases in the debt ceiling.   |
| H.J. Res. 71 – Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of the United States to Require Legislative Approval for Certain Regulations<br><a href="#">Link</a> | Rep. Perry, Scott (R-PA-10)        | <b>Date Introduced</b><br>July 26, 2019<br><br><b>Most Recent Action</b><br>Referred to the Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law.           | Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to require legislative approval for certain regulations.  |

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| H.R. 3972; <u>S. 92</u> – Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny Act of 2019<br><a href="#">Link</a> | Rep. Sensenbrenner, F. James, Jr. (R-WI-5)<br><br>Sen. Paul, Rand (R-KY) | <b>Date Introduced</b><br>July 25, 2019 (H); January 10, 2019 (S)<br><br><b>Most Recent Action</b><br>House: Referred to the Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law;<br>Senate: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably. | This bill revises provisions relating to congressional review of agency rulemaking.<br><br>Specifically, the bill establishes a congressional approval process for a major rule. A major rule may only take effect if Congress approves of the rule. A major rule is a rule that results in (1) an annual effect on the economy of \$100 million or more; (2) a major increase in costs or prices for consumers, individual industries, government agencies, or geographic regions; or (3) significant adverse effects on competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation, or the ability of U.S.-based enterprises to compete with foreign-based enterprises. |
| H.R. 3617 – Article I Restoration Act of 2019<br><a href="#">Link</a>  | Rep. Posey, Bill (R-FL-8)  | <b>Date Introduced</b><br>July 2, 2019<br><br><b>Most Recent Action</b><br>Referred to the Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law.   | To sunset new Federal regulatory rules after 3 years, and for other purposes.  |
| H.R. 3603 – To amend chapter 7 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that in the case of an                 | Rep. Posey, Bill (R-FL-8)  | <b>Date Introduced</b><br>June 28, 2019<br><br><b>Most Recent Action</b>  | This bill revises requirements governing judicial review of federal agency action. If an agency does not prevail in an appeal of a court ruling, then the court must award the prevailing party reasonable attorney's fees and costs. The award  |

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| agency that appeals the ruling of a court under that chapter, and does not prevail on appeal, the court shall award the prevailing party reasonable attorney's fees and costs, and for other purposes.<br><a href="#">Link</a> |                                | Referred to the Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law.   | must be paid out of the administrative budget of the office in the agency that filed the appeal.   |
| H.J. Res. 70 – Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States prohibiting the delegation of the legislative powers granted to Congress<br><a href="#">Link</a>  | Rep. Perry, Scott (R-PA-10)    | <b>Date Introduced</b><br>June 26, 2019<br><br><b>Most Recent Action</b><br>Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties. | Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States prohibiting the delegation of the legislative powers granted to Congress.  |
| H.R. 3449 – To require that in a notice of proposed rulemaking for a new rule, the notice shall identify two rules which the agency intends to repeal<br><a href="#">Link</a>  | Rep. Posey, Bill (R-FL-8)      | <b>Date Introduced</b><br>June 24, 2019<br><br><b>Most Recent Action</b><br>Referred to the Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law.       | This bill requires federal agencies to identify two rules that the agency is repealing for any proposed new rule, unless the proposed rule is required by statute.   |
| H.R. 3269 – Regulatory Improvement Act of 2019<br><a href="#">Link</a>   | Rep. Gottheimer, Josh (D-NJ-5) | <b>Date Introduced</b><br>June 13, 2019<br><br><b>Most Recent Action</b>   | This bill establishes in the legislative branch the Regulatory Improvement Commission to make recommendations and propose legislation for modification, consolidation, or repeal of regulations that have been finalized not later |

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|   |                                  | Referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned. | than 10 years before the establishment of the commission for the purpose of reducing compliance costs, encouraging growth and innovation, improving competitiveness, and protecting public safety.  |
| H.R. 3198 – Comprehensive Regulatory Review Act<br><a href="#">Link</a> | Rep. Loudermilk, Barry (R-GA-11) | <b>Date Introduced</b><br>June 11, 2019<br><br><b>Most Recent Action</b><br>Referred to the House Committee on Financial Services.   | To amend the Economic Growth and Regulatory Paperwork Reduction Act of 1996 to ensure that Federal financial regulators perform a comprehensive review of regulations to identify outdated or otherwise unnecessary regulatory requirements imposed on covered persons, and for other purposes. |
| S.1745 - Carbon Pollution Transparency Act<br><a href="#">Link</a>      | Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]   | <b>Date Introduced</b><br>June 5, 2019<br><br><b>Most Recent Action</b><br>Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.   | This bill requires the heads of federal agencies, when making certain rulemaking or procurement decisions, to consider and document the cost of carbon dioxide, methane, and nitrous oxide emissions in accordance with a set of standardized amounts.  |

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| S. 1753 – Take Care Act<br><a href="#">Link</a>   | Sen. Lee, Mike (R-UT)                                      | <b>Date Introduced</b><br>June 5, 2019<br><br><b>Most Recent Action</b><br>Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.                          | To promote accountability and effective administration in the execution of laws by restoring the original understanding of the President’s constitutional power to remove subordinates from office.   |
| S. 1419 – Early Participation in Regulations Act of 2019<br><a href="#">Link</a>          | Sen. Lankford, James (R-OK)                                | <b>Date Introduced</b><br>May 13, 2019<br><br><b>Most Recent Action</b><br>Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 192.<br><a href="#">S. Rept. 116-88</a> | This bill directs agencies to publish advance notice of a proposed rulemaking at least 90 days before publishing a notice of proposed rulemaking for a major rule that the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA) determines is likely to impose (1) an annual effect on the economy of \$100 million or more; (2) a major increase in costs or prices for consumers, individual industries, government agencies, or geographic regions; or (3) significant adverse effects on competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation, health, safety, the environment, or the ability of U.S. enterprises to compete with foreign-based enterprises. |
| H.R. 2575; <a href="#">S. 1363</a> – AI in Government Act of 2019<br><a href="#">Link</a> | Rep. McNerney, Jerry (D-CA-9);<br>Sen. Brian Schatz (D-HI) | <b>Date Introduced</b><br>May 8, 2019<br><br><b>Most Recent Action</b><br>House: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without   | Creates an AI Center of Excellence within the GSA for the development and promotion of AI and its use by the federal government. See S. 1363 for identical Senate bill.   |

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|  |   | objection; Senate: Received in the Senate. Read twice. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 531.   |  |
| H.R. 2429; <a href="#">S. 2348</a> – ALJ Competitive Service Restoration Act<br><a href="#">Link</a> | Rep. Cummings, Elijah E. (D-MD-7); Sen. Maria Cantwell (D-WA) | <b>Date Introduced</b><br>May 1, 2019 (H); July 31, 2019 (S)<br><br><b>Most Recent Action</b><br>House: Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Reform; Senate: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. | This bill makes administrative law judge (ALJ) positions part of the competitive service and otherwise modifies the process for the appointment of ALJs, including by establishing certain minimum qualifications and conditions of employment.<br><i>See S. 2348 for identical Senate bill.</i> |
| S. 1120 – Small Business Regulatory Flexibility Improvements Act<br><a href="#">Link</a>             | Sen. Lankford, James (R-OK)                                   | <b>Date Introduced</b><br>April 10, 2019<br><br><b>Most Recent Action</b><br>Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management. Hearings held.   | Amends chapter 6 of title 5, United States Code (commonly known as the "Regulatory Flexibility Act"), to ensure complete analysis of potential impacts on small entities of rules, and for other purposes.   |
| S. 909; <a href="#">H.R. 1927</a> – Separation of Powers Restoration Act<br><a href="#">Link</a>     | Sen. Sasse, Ben (R-NE)<br>Rep. Ratcliffe, John (R-TX-4)       | <b>Date Introduced</b><br>March 27, 2019<br><br><b>Most Recent Action</b>  | Amends title 5, United States Code, to clarify the nature of judicial review of agency interpretations of statutory and regulatory provisions.   |

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|   |                                | Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary (Senate); Referred to the Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law (House).           |  |
| S. 869 – Independent Agency Regulatory Analysis Act<br><a href="#">Link</a>   | Sen. Portman, Rob (R-OH)       | <b>Date Introduced</b><br>March 26, 2019<br><br><b>Most Recent Action</b><br>Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. | Bill to affirm the authority of the President to require independent regulatory agencies to comply with regulatory analysis requirements applicable to executive agencies, and for other purposes.   |
| H.R.1332 - To address the high costs of health care services, prescription drugs, and health insurance coverage in the United States, and for other purposes.<br><a href="#">Link</a> | Rep. Westerman, Bruce [R-AR-4] | <b>Date Introduced</b><br>February 25, 2019<br><br><b>Most Recent Action</b><br>Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.  | Title III, Subtitle D: Before a rule may take effect, the Food and Drug Administration shall satisfy the requirements of section 928 and shall publish in the Federal Register a list of information on which the rule is based, including data, scientific and economic studies, and cost-benefit analyses, and identify how the public can access such information online, and shall submit to each House of the Congress and to the Comptroller General a report which will then be subject to approval by both houses of Congress. |
| H.R. 1204 – OIRA Insight, Reform, and Accountability Act<br><a href="#">Link</a>  | Rep. Mitchell, Paul (R-MI-10)  | <b>Date Introduced</b><br>February 13, 2019<br><br><b>Most Recent Action</b>   | To amend title 44, United States Code, to require the Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs to review regulations, and for other purposes.   |

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|   |  | Referred to the Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law.  |  |
| S. 442 – REVIEW Act of 2019<br><a href="#">Link</a>   | Sen. Sullivan, Dan (R-AK)  | <b>Date Introduced</b><br>February 12, 2019<br><br><b>Most Recent Action</b><br>Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. | A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to postpone the effective date of high-impact rules pending judicial review.  |
| S. 441 – RED Tape Act of 2019<br><a href="#">Link</a>   | Sen. Sullivan, Dan (R-AK)  | <b>Date Introduced</b><br>February 12, 2019<br><br><b>Most Recent Action</b><br>Read twice and referred to Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.     | A bill to require each agency to repeal or amend 2 or more rules before issuing or amending a rule.  |
| H.R. 1087; <a href="#">S. 395</a> – Providing Accountability Through Transparency Act of 2019<br><a href="#">Link</a> | Rep. Luetkemeyer, Blaine (R-MO-3)<br>Sen. Lankford, James (R-OK) | <b>Date Introduced</b><br>February 7, 2019<br><br><b>Most Recent Action</b><br>Referred to the Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law.           | To require each agency, in providing notice of a rule making, to include a link to a 100 word plain language summary of the proposed rule. See S. 395 for identical Senate bill. |

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| S. 380 – GOOD Act<br><a href="#">Link</a>   | Sen. Johnson, Ron (R-WI)  | <b>Date Introduced</b><br>February 7, 2019<br><br><b>Most Recent Action</b><br>Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 43.<br><a href="#">S. Rept. 116-12</a> | This bill establishes requirements concerning the posting of agency guidance documents. Specifically, an agency must (1) publish guidance documents online on the dates they are issued, (2) publish all of its guidance documents that are in effect in a single location on a designated website, (3) display a hyperlink on its website that provides access to the guidance documents on such website, and (4) indicate on such website if a guidance document has been rescinded.<br><br>The documents must be categorized as guidance documents and further divided into subcategories. |
| H.R. 903 – Sunset Act of 2019<br><a href="#">Link</a>   | Rep. King, Steve (R-IA-4) | <b>Date Introduced</b><br>January 30, 2019<br><br><b>Most Recent Action</b><br>Referred to the Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law.                                  | To amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide for Congressional oversight of agency rulemaking, and for other purposes.   |
| H.J. Res. 32 – Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to give States the authority to repeal | Rep. Bishop, Rob (R-UT-1) | <b>Date Introduced</b><br>January 22, 2019<br><br><b>Most Recent Action</b>  | Proposing an amendment to the Constitution to give States the authority to repeal, in whole or in part, any Presidential Executive order, rule, regulation, other regulatory action, or administrative ruling issued by a department, agency, or instrumentality of the United States   |

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| Federal rules and regulations when the repeal is agreed to by the legislatures of two-thirds of the several States.<br><a href="#">Link</a> |  | Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Justice.  | when the two-thirds of State legislatures agree to the repeal.  |
| H.R. 575 – Lessening Regulatory Costs and Establishing a Federal Regulatory Budget Act of 2019<br><a href="#">Link</a>                      | Rep. Meadows, Mark (R-NC-11)   | <b>Date Introduced</b><br>January 15, 2019<br><br><b>Most Recent Action</b><br>Referred to the Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law.   | This bill establishes procedures and provides statutory authority to reduce the number of federal regulations. Specially, it requires each agency to establish a regulatory reform task force chaired by a designated regulatory reform officer. Each task force must, among other duties (1) review each existing agency regulation; (2) estimate the potential cost savings of repealing or modifying each regulation; and (3) identify regulations that are appropriate for repeal, replacement, or modification based on cost, effectiveness, and impact on employment. |
| H.R. 359; <a href="#">S. 2095</a> – Enhancing Grid Security through Public-Private Partnerships Act<br><a href="#">Link</a>                 | Rep. McNerney, Jerry [D-CA-9]<br><br><a href="#">Sen. Gardner, Cory [R-CO]</a> | <b>Date Introduced</b><br>January 9, 2019<br><br><b>Most Recent Action</b><br>House: Passed (voice vote); Senate: Received in the Senate. Read twice. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 559. | This bill directs the Department of Energy to facilitate and encourage public-private partnerships in order to address and mitigate the physical security and cybersecurity risks of electric utilities.  |

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|   |                                 | <a href="#">H. Rept. 116-254</a><br><a href="#">S. Rept. 116-147</a>   |  |
| H.R. 395 – POWERS Act of 2019<br><a href="#">Link</a>               | Rep. Mullin, Markwayne (R-OK-2) | <b>Date Introduced</b><br>January 9, 2019<br><br><b>Most Recent Action</b><br>Referred to the Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law. | Requires agencies to (1) provide at least a 60-day period for the public to comment on proposed rules, and (2) respond within 10 days to certain congressional inquiries submitted during that period about a proposed rule.   |
| H.R. 87 – Midnight Rules Relief Act of 2019<br><a href="#">Link</a> | Rep. Biggs, Andy (R-AZ-5)       | <b>Date Introduced</b><br>January 3, 2019<br><br><b>Most Recent Action</b><br>Referred to the Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law. | Amends chapter 8 of title 5 of the USC to provide for en bloc consideration in resolutions of disapproval for “midnight rules”.  |
| H.R. 39 – Federal Sunset Act of 2019<br><a href="#">Link</a>        | Rep. Hudson, Richard (R-NC-8)   | <b>Date Introduced</b><br>January 3, 2019<br><br><b>Most Recent Action</b><br>Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Reform.                       | Abolishes a federal agency one year after it is reviewed by the Federal Agency Sunset Commission, established by the bill, unless the agency is reauthorized by Congress. Each agency, including each advisory committee, must be reviewed by the commission at least once every 12 years. |

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